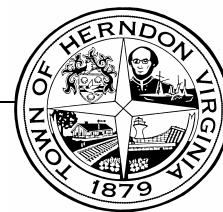


TOWN OF HERNDON

Enriching the Quality of Life and Promoting a Sense of Community



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OCTOBER'S "YARD OF THE MONTH" AWARDS

Call for Nominations

Herndon, VA (September 5, 2006) – A yard down the street that, although colorful in spring and summer, only comes into full bloom with the onset of cooler weather. A garden next door that takes full advantage of the colors for which autumn is celebrated; golds, reds, oranges. A well-designed, green-and-gold landscape that belies the notion that winter is coming.

Nominations are now being accepted for the Town of Herndon's October Yard of the Month Awards, an opportunity to recognize the efforts of residents whose yards contribute to the beautification of the Town and its neighborhoods.

The Yard of the Month is awarded in two categories: single family homes and townhouses. Prizes include local publicity as well as a \$100 gift certificate from Meadow Farms Nurseries; winners will also be recognized by the Mayor and Town Council at public meetings.

The criteria for Yard of the Month Award selection includes the following: yards are generally free of trash and clutter; grass, trees, shrubs and plants are well-cared for and aesthetically pleasing; rocks, logs, short fences or other decorative elements are in good condition and neatly placed; and flowers and other vegetation are well-landscaped and make good use of color.

Nominations for the October Yard of the Month Award are due September 20.

Judges for the Yard of the Month Awards program are members of the Town of Herndon's Cultivating Community committee, a group of citizen volunteers formed to encourage beautification and to enrich the quality of life in the Town's neighborhoods.

Yard of the Month nomination forms are available on the "What's New" and "Cultivating Community" pages of the Town's website, www.herndon-va.gov, and at the Neighborhood Resource Center. For more information, call 703/435-6829.

The Town of Herndon was incorporated by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Virginia on January 14, 1879. Located in western Fairfax County, Herndon is the 3rd largest town in the Commonwealth and is home to more than 22,000 citizens. Businesses located within the Town of Herndon, which range from high tech enterprises to entrepreneurially-owned establishments, employ approximately 23,500 people.

For more information, visit the Town's website at www.herndon-va.gov.

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